



# Arts in Season

The Arts are Ever in Season

## Along the Arroyos: Who's Involved

### News from PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE

#### EXHIBITS:

The PAL Annual Art Show will be at the Alviso Adobe this year! The dates of the show are May 29, 30, and 31st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We are planning painting demonstrations, an art sales room, refreshments, awards, and a great show at this historic site!

Artist's Exhibit: Lisa Davis Gentile displays her paintings, "Recombinant" until April 10 at Me & My Friend's Cafe: 4713 First Street, #150, Pleasanton.

#### EVENT:

Artists Flea Market, Saturday, April 25, DeLucchi Park, First Street at Neal, Pleasanton. Think About Cleaning Out Your Studio! Think About Buying Inexpensive art supplies, etc... Oversupply of art supplies and/or equipment? New or used, doesn't matter. Easels, frames, art books, mat cutters, tapes, bargain art, seconds, paints, canvas, craft supplies! Sign up for a 10 x 10 space for only \$25. Non-PAL members welcome. Spaces not preassigned, first come first served. Send check by April 18th payable to PAL & mail to Gail Ruvalcaba, 3738 Vineyard, Pleasanton 94566. Phone information: Dorothy Maestas at 925 846-6726.

#### RECENT AWARDS TO PAL MEMBERS:

Expressions, Tracy Art League's 18th Annual Show: Watercolor, First place went to Norlene Severe with Honorable Mentions to Diane Rodriguez and Tricia Poulos-Leonard. Sculpture: 2nd Place to Mark Knize and Honorable Mention to Lino Giovacchini. Second Place in Graphics & Mixed Media went to Lily Xu. TAL Founder's Award went to Amy Leung. Mayor's Purchase Award went to Eileen Butcher. Congratulations to all.

## Win an Award for Your Creativity

### Youth Excellence in Arts (YEA!) Awards

Presented by the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council

#### Four Categories:

Creative Writing  
Music (Renee Smith Award, 1<sup>st</sup> place)  
Dramatic Arts (Acting, Drama, Dance or Electronic Arts)  
Visual Arts (Phyllis Wentworth Award, 1<sup>st</sup> place)

#### Prizes:

\$500 for 1<sup>st</sup> place  
\$300 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Awards given in each category at the discretion of the judges

#### Who May Enter:

Artists, ages 14-20, who live in, who attend school in, or who take arts lessons in Pleasanton

#### Applications:

See our web page

[www.pleasantonarts.org](http://www.pleasantonarts.org)

and click on "Youth Excellence Awards" for details and application.

**Postmark deadline for submitting applications is April 23, 2009.**

#### Judging:

Finalists will be notified early in May and will be called for a **live audition or to display their art during the final judging process on May 16**. Awards will be presented at the annual PCAC banquet on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### For additional information please call:

Rebecca Bruner (925) 577-8802, Dave Wright (925) 484-0614 or Jill Vellinger (925) 485-1891.

*The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports the development of the arts and young artists in the local community*



### Have Fun, Help Fund the Firehouse Arts Center

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) is sponsoring "That's Entertainment: A Gala Benefiting the Firehouse Arts Center." The evening is being held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 6:00-10:00 pm at the elegant Castlewood Country Club in the Pleasanton foothills and will include dining, live entertainment and visual arts.

The gala is designed to act as prelude to offerings the community will enjoy at the new cultural arts venue on Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton, scheduled for completion in early 2010. An exhibit and sale of outstanding art created by local artists plus a live auction, featuring unique items and value-packed get away packages, will round out the agenda and make it a truly memorable event. Tickets are \$140 each and must be purchased in advance. Premiere seating is available for reserved tables of 8.

The Firehouse Arts Center, now under construction, will enrich the community with a 240-seat flexible studio theater, 2000 sq. feet of high-quality gallery space, two spacious and well-equipped art classrooms and 1350 square feet of grand lobby space. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are still welcomed for this event. For tickets or more information please visit [www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org](http://www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org) or call 925-846-1007.

## In Celebration of the Arts:



Poppies, oil by Norma Webb, one of the artists in the Fine Arts Show at the 8th Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival

#### the naming of mountains

I lean against the counter  
in your kitchen  
drinking coffee  
behind me in the hallway  
moving boxes stacked  
flattened and folded

through the window  
I see the mountain rise  
from basin to range  
strata of sandstone and basalt  
tilted and folded

I think of prophets and pioneers  
long ago pilgrims  
who journeyed to this place  
crossed these mountains  
struggled  
the timelessness of rock and hope  
they called these peaks  
Sweetwater and Promised Land  
Bitterroot and Snake

I want to name the mountain  
like those before us did  
But the process  
as slow as geology  
as mysterious as mirage  
eludes me as I stand here  
the only word that comes to mind is home.

*by Martha Meltzer, Pleasanton  
Poet Laureate*

## Enjoy the Show:

- **Stroll** with us with your wine, coffee & savories.
- **Enjoy** the classical guitar of Jim Steinke.
- **Delight** in the paintings of local artists in the Pleasanton Art League Fine Arts Show
- **Amble** on "Literary Row" where authors—poets and prose writers— will share their works, sign books, answer your questions

- **Meet** our Festival workshop leaders, regional poets laureate, song writers, illustrators, children's authors.
- **Discover** how to get published from writing teachers, book club members, and those in publication services.
- **Carry home** signed books with you. Towne Center Books will be selling the authors' works.

Festival Brochure available at  
[www.PleasantonArts.org](http://www.PleasantonArts.org)



The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council & City of Pleasanton present a

## Free Wine Reception: Visual Arts Show & Literary Row 8th Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival

**Saturday April 4 from 1:00-2:30 PM  
at the Pleasanton Senior Center,  
5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton**



Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council  
 P.O. Box 1298  
 Pleasanton, CA 94566

Yes, I accept your invitation to join and/or support PCAC and the Arts in Pleasanton.

Membership per year (2009-2010).....\$35.00

We would like to make a tax deductible donation of:

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 For more information call Margene Rivera (925) 931-1111.

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Editorial Policy and Newsletter Purpose:

The purpose of this newsletter is to celebrate and advance: (1) the arts in the Pleasanton community and its environs, (2) PCAC's role in promoting and supporting the arts, (3) the role of other arts groups in so doing, and (4) the ways in which the arts enrich, nourish, and build community.

We welcome articles celebrating the accomplishments and/or programs of your arts group. We make no guarantee that such submissions will be published and reserve the right to edit articles. If you wish to promote or advertise a program, please send your "calendar items" to Gerry Hedstrom at [info.pleasantonarts.org](mailto:info.pleasantonarts.org). He will post them on the PCAC web site at [www.pleasantonarts.org](http://www.pleasantonarts.org).

All articles about celebrating the programs or accomplishments of your arts group should be sent to Dave Wright at [dawright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dawright@sbcglobal.net)

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council is committed to the belief —that the arts nurture the spirit of those in our communities. —that the arts are an essential part of a healthy and equitable society to which those of all ages and backgrounds should have access. —that we should promote, create, and support arts institutions, experiences, facilities, and opportunities for the enrichment of those in Pleasanton and in the Tri-Valley.

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## Upstream: What's Upcoming in the Arts

### Arts Calendar

**Calendar note:**  
**Listings for the Bankhead Theater in Livermore & Front Row Theater are available at:**  
[www.pleasantonarts.org](http://www.pleasantonarts.org)

March 26, 27 & 28, 7:30 PM,  
**Bye Bye Birdie**, Amador and Foothill High present at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton  
 Adults \$12;; Students \$10 (18 & under); Seniors \$10 (62 & older). Information: [www.pleasanton.ca.us/community/civic-arts-presents.html](http://www.pleasanton.ca.us/community/civic-arts-presents.html)

Sun. March 22, at 2 PM,  
**Meet Frances Dinkelspiel**, author of **Towers of Gold**, story of Isaias Hellman, bank founder extraordinaire. At Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal, Pleasanton Free. Information: 925-931-3405

March 27, 28, April 3,4,5 & 17,18,19;  
 Fri. & Sat. 8:00 PM; Sun. 2:00 PM,  
**Spring Musical "Working"** presented by Las Positas College students in the theater, Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd, Livermore. General \$10; Seniors/Students \$7. Info: 925-424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

Thurs. April 2 at 7:00 PM  
**The Westerner**, a classic film series presentation by Dr.Candace Klaschus from Las Positas College at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal, Pleasanton. Free. Info: 925-931-3405

Sat. and/or Sun, April 4 & 5,  
**The 8th Annual Pleasanton Poetry Prose & Arts Festival:** A two-day festival featuring keynote Dana Gioia, poetry & prose workshops for adults; youth and teen workshops, a PAL Fine Art Exhibit, Authors Row, music by Jim Steinke, and Dominique Piana, and an Awards Banquet. Held at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, Ca. 94566  
 Registration info: [www.pleasantonarts.org](http://www.pleasantonarts.org) or call Michelle Russo, 925-931-5350

Sun. April 5 at 2:00 PM,  
**Spring Concert by Pleasanton Community Concert Band** in the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton. Free.  
 Info: 925-846-5897 or [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org)

Thurs. April 16 at 7:00 PM,  
**"The Tri-Valley and its Trails" Lecture**, an event of the Ed Kinney Lecture Series presented by trailmaster Steve Thomas at Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Cost: \$10 donation; \$5 for Museum members. Reservations: 925-462-2766  
 Information: [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org)

April 17, 18, 19; 24, 25, 26 at 8 PM Fri. & Sat; at 2 PM Sun., also at 2 PM Sat. April 25,  
**Civic Arts Presents "Ramona Quimby"** at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton. Adult \$14, \$18, \$20; Child (12 & under) \$8, \$12, \$16. Info: [www.pleasanton.ca.us/community/civic-arts-presents.html](http://www.pleasanton.ca.us/community/civic-arts-presents.html)

Thurs. April 16 at 7:30 PM,  
 Group Mosaico, playing music of Italy, Spain, and Southern France in the Library at Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd, Livermore. Tickets: \$15. Also, there is a music appreciation class for \$5 the evening of April 16. Info: 925-424-1467 or [www.lpclearlymusic.org](http://www.lpclearlymusic.org)

Sat April 25 at 9-12 noon,  
**Morning Band Concert at Farmers Market**, 30 Angela St, Pleasanton. Free.  
 Info: 925-846-5897 or [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org)

Fri. May 1 at 8 PM,  
**Speech Performances** by Las Positas students in the theater, Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. Tickets: General \$10; Students/Seniors \$7. Info: 925—424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

Wed. May 6 at 12:30 PM,  
**Music Department Recital** by Las Positas Students at Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. Free.  
 Info: 925-424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

Thurs. May 7 at 7:00 PM,  
**Kitty Foyle**, a classic film series with Dr Candace Klaschus of Las Positas College at Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Free.  
 Info: 925-931-3405

Sat. May 9 at 7 PM,  
**Valley Concert Chorale Audience Sing-along** of Movie and Musical Favorites, with choral excerpts from Camelot, West Side Story, Brigadoon, Caousel, Sound of Music and more. Join in and feel like a Broadway star. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd, Pleasanton. Info:925-866-4003 or [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org)

Fri. May 15 at 8:00 PM,  
**Vocal Jazz Concert** by Las Positas students in the theater, Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. General \$10; Students/Seniors \$7. Info: 925-424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

Wed. May 20 & Fri. May 22 at 8 PM,  
**One Act Plays** presented by Las Positas students in the theater, Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. Free.  
 Info: 925-424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

Thurs. May 21 at 7:00 PM,  
**Lecture "Meet the Museums,"** an event of the Ed Kinney Lecture Series, at Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave, Pleasanton. \$10 donation; \$5 for museum members. Reservations: 925-462-2766. Info: [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org)

Mon. May 25 from 10:30-12:30 PM,  
**Memorial Day Ceremony** at Pioneer Cemetery, 5780 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton, Music by Pleasanton Community Concert Band. Free. Info: 925-846-5897 or [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org)

Thurs. June 4 at 7:00 PM,  
**Sullivan's Travels**, a classic film series hosted by Dr Candace Klaschus of Las Positas College in the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave, Pleasanton. Free.  
 Info: 931-3405

Thurs. June 11 from 6:00-8:00 PM,  
**an Evening Band Concert at Livermore Farmers Market**, 4th & J Streets, Livermore. Free. Info: 925-846-5897 or [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org)